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"SUPPORTING" RHODESIA

1. GOG CHRISTMAS STATEMENT ATTACKS CALTEX, MOBIL, BP,
SHELL, AND TOTAL OIL COMPANIES FOR "CLANDESTINE
ACTIVITIES...IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN
SALISBURY" AND "CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE
COMPANIES TO HALT FORTHWITH THE SUPPLIES OF ALL
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TOTHE ILLEGAL GOVERNMENT...IN
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FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF...UN SANCTIONS...." STATEMENT,
WHICH DOMINATED DEC 27 FRONT PAGES OF BOTH GOG-WONED
DAILIES, "GHANAIAAN TIMES" AND AND "DAILY GRAPHIC," CALLED
UPON OAU MEMBERS " AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO EXPRESS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THEIR
DISAPPORVAL OF THIS INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY..."

"THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO HOT PURSUIT, NO MASS KILLING OF 700 PEOPLE IN THE PAST, WITHOUT THE MOST EFFICIENT CONSPIRACY OF OIL COMPANIES." CITING "INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE THAT HAS JUST BECOME AVAILABLE" OF 11 YEARS' VIOLATIONS, STATEMENT CURIOUSLY CITES SPECIFIC "EVIDENCE" OF DELIVERIES BY FIVE NAMED COMPANIES THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE TO RHODESIA FOR PERIOD JANUARY-JULY 1967 RPT 1967.

2. STATEMENT DRAWS CONCLUSION THAT SANCTIONS ARE A FAILURE. EDITORIAL IN DEC 27 "GRAPHIC" CASTIGATES "GOVERNMENTS OF THESE WESTERN POWERS WHO ARE IN COLLUSION WITH THE OIL COMPANIES." WHILE NEITHER STATEMENT NOR EDITORIAL NAMES GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, MOST READERS WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE IDENTIFYING THEM.

3. IT PARTICULARLY INTERESTING THESE FIVE COMPANIES PICKED OUT, SINCE THERE ARE ONLY SIX FIRMS MARKETING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GHANA: GOG-OWNED GHANA OIL CO, LTD. (GOIL - FORMERLY AGIP), AND MOBIL, BP, SHELL, TOTAL, AND TEXACO-LAST OF WHICH SHARES OWNERSHIP OF CALTEX.

4. GOG HAS BEEN SEEKING MORE FORWARD ROLE IN ITS AFRICAN LIBERATION MODE THAN IN RECENT PAST. HOWEVER, GOG ALSO CASTING ABOUT FOR WAY TO DIVERT GHANAIS' GAZE FROM THEIR OWN ECONOMIC MESS, AND ATTACKING OIL MULTINATIONALS AND THEIR HOME GOVERNMENTS. CURRENT EFFORT, IF PURSUED, MAY IN GOG EYES ADVANCE BOTH OBJECTIVES CHEAPLY.
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5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT TO USE IN ANSWERING CHARGES ABOUT AGAINST US FIRMS ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS.
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